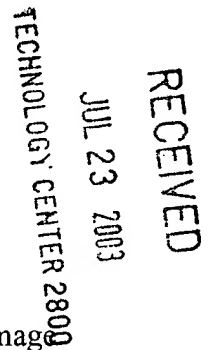
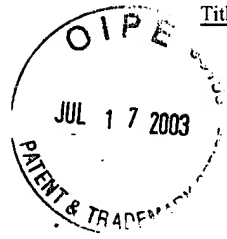


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) A projection screen for displaying an image from an image source, the screen comprising:
  - a first diffusing assembly including a pre-screen comprising a plurality of seamlessly tiled optical faceplates of fibrous crystal; and
  - a second diffusing assembly comprising a diffused rear projection screen, the faceplate being positioned to receive an image from the image source and to further diffuse said image.
3. (Previously presented) The screen of claim 2 further including an anti-reflection coating on a viewing side of said projection screen.
4. (Previously presented) The screen of claim 2 wherein the optical faceplate is made from fibrous crystals selected from the group consisting of crystals not found in nature, and crystals not found in nature in fibrous form.
5. (Previously presented) The screen of claim 2 wherein the optical faceplate is made from crystals selected from the group consisting of artificially grown crystals and synthesized crystals which do not exist in nature.
6. (Currently amended) The screen of claim 2 wherein the optical faceplate is made from a material having fibrous crystals which are transparent, colorless, work as a coherent faceplate, and comprise fibers having a numeric aperture of ~~between about 0.2 and about 0.66~~.
7. (Original) The screen of claim 6 wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of Ulexite, Selenite, Artinite and Aragonite.



8. (Original) The screen of claim 6 wherein the optical faceplate is made of lab-grown Ulexite ( $\text{NaCaB}_5\text{O}_9 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).

9-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously presented) The screen of claim 2 wherein the optical faceplates are tiled without a visible seam.

33. (Previously presented) The screen of claim 32 wherein the fibrous crystal has a fiber size on a scale of nanometers.

34. (Previously presented) The screen of claim 32 wherein the fibrous crystal has a pitch significantly less than that of glass.

35. (Previously presented) The screen of claim 2 wherein the fibrous crystal includes a dopant.

36. (Previously presented) The screen of claim 2 wherein the Ulexite is recrystallized natural Ulexite.

37. (Previously presented) A projection system for displaying an image, comprising:  
a first diffusing assembly including a pre-screen comprising a plurality of seamlessly tiled optical faceplates of fibrous crystal;  
a second diffusing assembly comprising a diffused rear projection screen, the faceplate being positioned to receive an image from the image source and to further diffuse said image;  
and  
an image source for transmitting an image to the tiled optical faceplates.

38. (Currently amended) The system of claim 37 wherein the image source is positioned so as to transmit the image directly to the plurality of tiled optical faceplates.

39. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37 wherein the image source includes a plurality of overlapping light sources.
40. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37 wherein the image source includes a device selected from the group consisting of image intensifiers, field flatteners, liquid crystal light valves (LCLVs), CCD arrays, X-ray imaging devices, CRT displays, and remote viewers.
41. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37 wherein the image source includes a collimated light source.
42. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37 wherein the optical faceplates are tiled without a visible seam.
43. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein the fibrous crystal has a fiber size on a scale of nanometers.
44. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein the fibrous crystal has a pitch significantly less than that of glass.